

4/15/15 Update on Sirenusa Condo Methyl Bromide Release, Cruz Bay, St. John

On 4/15 ventilation activities of Units J upper and lower continued along with the removal of porous materials in the units by the condo management company. Wipe samples were completed in both J upper and lower. Ventilation and removal of porous materials will continue tomorrow. The 24-hour Summa canister sampling event has been rescheduled and is now going to begin on 4/17. Results of these samples will assist decision makers in the clearing of the condos for re-occupancy.

Today ATSDR continued telephone interviews with guests. In addition, ATSDR contacted two individuals who had visited St. John and believe they exhibited symptoms similar to those associated with methyl bromide exposure. ATSDR continues to have internal discussions regarding an appropriate clearance number for the condominiums.

The REOC continued working with EPA Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch to evaluate options for management of existing stocks of the fumigant. Stocks of Methyl Bromide have been identified at facilities on St. Thomas and St. Croix, consisting of one cylinder at each of two facilities. REOC has been in contact with the distributors of the cylinders on St. Croix and St. Thomas and is arranging transportation off island, in coordination with CID and DOJ. REOC has also been coordinating with ATSDR regarding clearance values for re-occupancy.

R2 REOC remains the point of contact for all EPA's activities related to this incident.

Personnel on-site today included 1 OSCs, 1 EPA ERT, 1 SERAS contractor.

EPA is still working cooperatively with DPNR, EPA CID, DOJ, St. John Police Department, Terminix, ATSDR, USVI DOH and the condo complex management company.